

Membership Policy

CRNI – what we do

CRNI is the all-island representative body for community based re-use, recycling and waste prevention organisations.



Our main aim is to promote community based, sustainable waste management as a practical and effective way of tackling Ireland's waste problem. We do this through education and awareness raising, supporting our members, tackling barriers to reuse, policy advocacy and research.

Membership Support & Benefits

- **Promotion of sustainable resource management including reuse & recycling:** CRNI engages in major awareness raising campaigns and projects to promote reuse and recycling, as well as raising awareness through our website and social media, presenting at conferences and events, newsletters, and other tools.
- **CRNI Conference:** CRNI holds a biennial conference to promote community reuse and recycling.
- **Other Networking Events:** Members are also provided with opportunities to attend regular meetings, conferences and events at national or European level, and to present to or carry out workshops at various events.
- **Training:** CRNI provides training and networking opportunities with similar organisations to facilitate knowledge sharing and discuss potential for collaborations.
- **Lobbying:** CRNI works with members to develop policy and lobby on key member issues. Members have access through CRNI as a single point of contact to the EPA and key policy makers, as well as to similar networks in the UK & Europe. CRNI represents the authority on community reuse and recycling and provides a single reporting mechanism for reuse and recycling organisations in Ireland and Northern Ireland to relevant bodies.
- **Research:** CRNI supports and participates in research addressing key barriers to the community reuse and recycling sector and providing business opportunities. Members are provided with an opportunity to participate in such funded projects at national or European level.

Membership types

There are two main classes of members:

i) Full Members

Any social enterprise¹, community organisation or umbrella group representing same, or any project funded through the National Waste Prevention Programme, registered in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland, that operates with re-use, recycling or waste

¹ Social enterprise is a business model that puts people and community first, ahead of private or personal gain, while operating in a commercially viable and sustainable way – see <http://www.socialenterprise.ie>

prevention activities for the benefit of the community and the protection of the natural environment.

ii) *Affiliate Members*

Any local authorities, networks or private sector and small to medium enterprises (SME), community / voluntary groups that operate in re-use, recycling or waste prevention activities for the protection of the natural environment.

Other Membership classes

Other Memberships, including the appointment of honorary members, may be made at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The CRNI Board of Directors will determine will be responsible for the approval of membership type on the basis of meeting the above criteria and information submitted.

Membership Benefits

All members receive:

- Promotion through awareness campaigns, social media and other channels
- Invitations to participate in a selection of network meetings and networking opportunities
- Internal & external newsletters
- Opportunities to participate in conferences, events and research projects
- Listing on CRNI's website

Additional Full Membership benefit:

- Access to all network meetings
- Participation in all events & networking opportunities
- Certificate to demonstrate membership of network
- Opportunity to contribute to and representation in CRNI policy development and lobbying on key issues
- Business development opportunities e.g. participation in workshops, retail opportunities, funded programmes, access to group schemes as arising

Membership Criteria

All applicants applying for membership must :

- i) Operate in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland
- ii) Satisfy the network as to their professional ability as practicing community-based reuse, recycling and waste prevention activities

- iii) Operate to all relevant environmental, financial and other legislation relevant to the sector
- iv) Agree to the CRNI code of conduct (see below)
- v) Agree to complete CRNI's annual survey of reuse and recycling metrics to facilitate reporting on impact
- vi) Make an application in the prescribed CRNI form

An eligible organisation that is approved for membership will become a member on payment of the annual subscription.

Membership is terminated if the member organisation concerned:

- Gives written notice of resignation to the association
- Fails to pay the annual subscription within the allocated time (by end March of the year in question)
- Conducts any activity that may be harmful to the network or results in it being brought into disrepute

If a full member ceases to operate as a not-for-profit organisation, the membership category will be reviewed.

Membership of the network is not transferable.

Fee proposal

Type	Member Category	Fee
Full	Any social enterprise ² , community organisation or umbrella group representing same, or any project funded through the National Waste Prevention Programme, registered in the Republic of Ireland or Northern Ireland that operates with re-use, recycling or waste prevention activities to the benefit of the community and the protection of the natural environment	€250
Affiliate	SME <5 employees	€250
Affiliate	local authorities or regional authorities & SME / enterprise > 5 employees	€500
Affiliate	Other community groups / Volunteer led organisations*	€50
Affiliate	National Networks	None if reciprocal membership or TBA by board

*Please note. All memberships approvals are at the discretion of the CRNI Board of Directors and the decision is final.

² Social enterprise is a business model that puts people and community first, ahead of private or personal gain, while operating in a commercially viable and sustainable way – see <http://www.socialenterprise.ie>

CRNI Network Member Code of Conduct

CRNI full members are expected to:

- Support the network's mission and objects and actively promote them.
- Comply with all relevant environmental, financial and other legislation relevant to the sector.
- Share knowledge and information with CRNI and its members.
- Seek to collaborate or partner with other members.
- Ensure their activities withstand the test of scrutiny by members of the public, media, beneficiaries, stakeholders and the regulatory authorities.
- Declare any conflict of interest or any such circumstances as may be viewed by others as conflicting as soon as it arises.
- Respect organisational and individual confidentiality.
- Take an active interest in the organisation's public image.